"(c) The President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, has been asked to enquire into the allegations.

"(d) The enquiry is still pending.

"(e) The President hopes to complete the enquiry by the end of December 1949. We have not yet received the communication from the President."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—"Has the order not yet been issued?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"We have not yet received the report from the President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board. As soon as it is received, the Government will take action."

Investment of special jurisdiction for the acquisition of lands for the Tungabhadra Project.

* 85 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to question No. 295 answered on 22nd April 1949 whether any, and if so, what action has been taken regarding investment of special jurisdiction under the Land Acquisition Act to the District Munsif of Hospet?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue) :—"The Government have since appointed, the District Munsif, Hospet, within the local limits of his jurisdiction, to perform the functions of the 'Court' under the Land Acquisition Act. The question of undertaking legislation for amending the Land Acquisition Act so as to invest all District Munsifs with powers of a 'Court' under the Land Acquisition Act, is still under the consideration of the Government."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Sir, will the Government consider the question as to which Court appeals should lie from the decisions of the Hospet Munsif's Court in land acquisition cases?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"When the Act is amended, all these questions will be considered."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"But, then, to which Court should appeals be preferred from the decisions of the Hospet Munsif's Court, which will be functioning from now?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"I should like to have notice, Sir."

Scheme for Cottage Industries.

* 86 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any plan for encouraging Cottage Industries, and if so, what it is;

(b) whether any scheme is being worked out for the purpose; and

(c) whether any Cottage Industries Expert has been appointed?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) A scheme for the development of Cottage and Village Industries on intensive lines as part of the Firka Development Scheme was sanctioned in December 1946 and 43 demonstration and training units for imparting training in blacksmithy, woodwork, pottery, sheet metal work, light metal casting, boat building, tanning and leather goods manufacture, rattan and bamboo work, toys and lacquer work and paper making were started in the selected Firkas. The scheme was also designed to provide facilities to trainees and others to develop Cottage Industries after training. But this scheme was found by experience to be far too ambitious in scope. The industries started at different places were found to have been selected without reference to the availability of the raw materials or the demands of the locality. The Government therefore approved in June 1948 a revised sheme which provides for the starting of production-cum-training units for the production by improved methods, of everyday requirements of the villagers and of certain special articles made with traditional or special skill. The production units are to be owned and operated by co-operative societies or partnerships of the local population including local craftsmen, Government helping them with equipment, raw materials and technical advice. So far Government have approved the transfer of as many as 22 units started under the scheme of 1946 to private parties for being worked under the scheme of 1948 and proposals for the transfer of the remaining 21 units are awaited.

" The Government are also considering a comprehensive scheme for the development of the village industries in general.

" (c) No. The development of cottage industries is at present being attended to by the Deputy Director of Industries and Commerce (Cottage Industries) under the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government think of appointing a cottage industries expert?" 11-30 a.m

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" At present the Government are not considering the question but they may consider it in course of time."

DR. V. K.. JOHN :—" How much money have the Government spent on their various schemes of 1946 and 1948? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not proper that a cottage industries expert should be in charge of the work? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government are considering the schemes. There is a scheme sponsored by the Mysore Government also. There are several schemes

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sponsored by the Madras Government themselves. We are considering the schemes and if at all we find that there is a necessity for the appointment of an expert, we will consider the question."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In view of the answer of the Hon. Minister that the scheme of 1946 was found to be impracticable when worked out, will the Government consider the question of drawing up schemes hereafter with expert advice?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government will consider the suggestion."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" But is the Leader of the Opposition sure that it was not done previously?" (Laughter.)

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Do the Government think that the present scheme cannot be worked satisfactorily?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is likely to be some revision in the scheme."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government any clear ideas of cottage industries at all?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They have clear ideas, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government sent any of their officers to undergo training under the Japanese Cottage Industries Experts who are now working in Delhi?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is under the active consideration of the Government."

Bonus from the Government of India for the surplus paddy procured in this Province.

* 87 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amounts received in the years 1947–48 and 1948–49, as bonus from the Government of India at the rate of 8 annas per maund of surplus paddy procured in this Province;

(*b*) for what purpose the above sums were spent in each year; and

(*c*) the amount spent under each head in each year?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (*a*) An amount of Rs. 2,10,42,995 was received from the Government of India towards the food bonus due on the quantities of foodgrains procured in Madras Province during the period from November 1947 to February 1949.

" (*b*) & (*c*) A sum of Rs. 66,63,200 was utilized to meet the losses incurred on the distribution of foodgrains procured from extra Provincial sources in India during the period November 1947 to October 1948. As regards the balance of Rs. 1,43,79,795 proposals for utilizing this sum on schemes for increasing food production are under the consideration of the Government."